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TAGS: OEXC,CE (NAVARATNE, H.M.)

SUBJECT: IV PROGRAM: FY 1975 NOMINATION

1. EMBASSY INTENDS TO NOMINATE H.M. NAVARANTNE, DEHETY
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, M/80. FOR MINIPE AND POLITICAL
AUTHORITY FOR KANDYAN AREA, FOR PARTIAL FY 75 IVP GRANT.
NAVARATNE IS TRAVELING TO ENGLAND UNDER BRITISH GOVERNMENT
AUSPICES LEAVING HERE ABOUT OCTOBER 25. EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE
APPROXIMATELY 14-DAY GRANT FOR HIM TO VISIT U.S. FOLLOWING
ONE TO TWO WEEK PROGRAM IN U.K.

2. NAVARATNE'S COMMAND OF ENGLISH IS, HOWEVER, VERY
LIMITED AND GRANT WOULD NOT BE WORTHWHILE UNLESS
DEPARTMENT IS ABLE PROVIDE HIGHLY QUALIFIED
INTERPRETER-ESCORT WHOM WOULD BE FLUENT IN SINHALESE.
BEFORE MAKING FORMAL NOMINATION, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AS TO WHETHER SUITABLE
INTERPRETER-ESCORT CAN BE PROVIDED AND WHETHER WORTHWHILE
PROGRAM WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN NOVEMBER TIME FRAME.
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